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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PREDICTING A BREAKDOWN FREQUENCY, the specification of which (check one)

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	is attached hereto
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⊠ York, N filed	I hereby authorize and request our attorneys, Davidson, Davidson & Kappel, LLC of 485 Seventh Avenue, New ew York 10018 to insert here in parentheses (application number 101564, 257
	y state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as ed by any amendment referred to above.
I acknow	wledge the duty to disclose all information that is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as

defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign and/or provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign and/or provisional application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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